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## WHY is McCutcheon silent?

THE Mormons have this year sent out 360 missionaries.

THE new consolidated revenue district, including Montana, Idaho and Utah, will hereafter be designated as the "District of Montana."

DENNIS KEARNEY has been snubbed on every hand. He has learned that the laboring man has no more regard for a blatherskite than any body else.

IN 1872 the British national debt stood at \$3,655,000,000; in 1882 at \$3,545,000,000. The present chancellor of the exchequer favors a scheme for more rapid redemption.

A MAN traveled hastily from San Francisco to Omaha on hearing that he had been "remembered" in his father's will, and the report proved true, but the sum of the bequest was one dollar.

YELLOW FEVER has made its appearance on board two ships just arrived at New Orleans from Vera Cruz. Both of the vessels are quarantined and every precaution is being taken to prevent the disease reaching the shore.

DORSEY'S alleged revelations will have no further effect than to confirm in the minds of the public the belief in his unrivaled capacity for intrigue and rascality. His statements, unsupported, are absolutely without weight.

IN the shooting for the Albert Jewel, at Wembleton, the prize was won by Wilson, of the Ulster Rifles, who scored 66 out of a possible 75, at 1,000 yards. Scott, the only member of the American team that competed, was second with a score of 62.

IT has become a regular thing to read "Hanlan Wins." This phenomenal sculler has never lost a match race, and Wallace Ross is his latest victim. In their four mile race at Ogdenburg, he defeated Ross by a quarter of a mile. Hanlan's time was 27:08, Ross' 28:10.

IT is of the greatest importance to Benton that the Indian reservation be thrown open to settlement, and our people should neglect no opportunity to assist in securing that end. When the commissioners to treat with the Indians arrive in this section they should be induced to pay a visit to the river metropolis, or in the event they do not, a committee should be appointed to wait on them and present in its proper light the situation of affairs in northern Montana with respect to these Indians.

THE president and party will leave Chicago on the 3d of August. The fact of the president being a member of the party will not cause any expense to the government. It is not to be a pleasure party, but an official exploration party. The exploration would be made this year in any event, regardless whether the president accompanied the party or not. Gen. Sheridan determined some months ago to make the exploration, and invited President Arthur to accompany him, which invitation the latter accepted.

ONE of the most prosperous of Pennsylvania liquor dealers made it a point to open barrooms where there is a strong local option law to forbid sales. He reasons that men will have liquor if they want it, and, if they are obliged to get it on the sly, will not grumble at paying a high price. He carried on his trade for two years in Sharon, where the traffic was prohibited. He managed to do it, however, and got a dollar a pint for whisky which cost him a dollar and a quarter a gallon. He often made over a hundred dollars a day. Finally they arraigned him in court. He had the case postponed for six months, and went on as before. The jury disagreed, and he had six months more. The end was a fine of \$50.

MARSHAL BOTKIN is busily engaged in investigating last fall's election frauds in this territory, not for the purpose of contesting the Hon. Martin's seat, because that would be worse than useless in a democratic congress, but to satisfy the public at large that fraud was used in assisting Martin Maginnis to his seat in congress. In Missoula county the Marshal has obtained unquestionable evidence of fraud in counting returns, which gave his opponent over 1,000 illegal votes. Testimony relative to Custer

county elections will be taken next week. District Attorney Edwards accompanies Marshal Botkins and is associated with him in clearing up the fall election crookedness.—*Yellowstone Journal*, July 14th.

THERE is every reason to believe that the friends of the Dakota admission scheme will use every effort to crowd the measure through the next session of congress, the plan being, as before, to divide the territory, and admit the most populous half to the Union. The matter can not, with any shadow of justice to a rapidly growing section of the country, be much longer postponed. To offset the scheme, the democrats, realizing that their former flimsy excuses for opposition will not much longer stand, propose, it is understood, to offer a bill providing for the division of Texas into two or more states. This will increase the party strength in the senate, and make republican ascendancy in that body a more doubtful problem for several years to come.

A WELL-KNOWN ex-United States judge of New York, and a confidential friend of Tilden, is responsible for the following: "You may state authentically that Mr. Tilden will be a candidate; and you may also say, although it may sound a little strange, that John Kelly will be one of his most zealous supporters. For a long time Kelly has been fighting Tilden, and the latter has been quietly weaving a net about his enemy until he has him now where he dare not say his soul is his own. Tilden and his friends have been gradually working among the followers of Kelly, until, excepting the Irish, the entire slum element of New York city are as faithful in their allegiance to Tilden as ever they were to Kelly. A few days ago Mr. Tilden served notice upon Kelly that he must have his support or off would go his head, and Kelly responded that he could be relied upon. The old show of hostility will be maintained, but Mr. Tilden has now the entire Tammany support, which he has never had before. Tilden will have a solid delegation from New York in the convention."

## THE FAVORITE CANDIDATES.

The New York Times, early in June, sent out letters to over 400 different points in all the states, asking answers to the questions of who were the favorite candidates for president in 1884, of republicans and democrats in these sections, and what other candidates are spoken favorably of. Answers have been received from 344 of these points and they show that James G. Blaine is a long way ahead of the others among the republicans, and Samuel J. Tilden even farther ahead among the democrats. The relative strength of the republican candidates in those 344 points is as follows:

|                   |                     |                      |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Blaine.....103    | Harrison.....12     | Allison.....2        |
| Arthur.....64     | W. T. Sherman.....6 | S. P. Miller.....2   |
| Edmunds.....57    | Greensham.....4     | Sheridan.....1       |
| Grant.....19      | Fairchild.....4     | Folger.....1         |
| J. Sherman.....17 | Hawley.....2        | Windom.....1         |
| Logan.....14      | Cornell.....2       | No expression.....20 |
| Lincoln.....12    |                     |                      |

The replies show that Mr. Blaine's strength, outside of his own state, comes from the middle and western states. Mr. Arthur's supporters are pretty evenly distributed throughout the entire country, except that he is particularly strong in the south. Mr. Edmunds' strength is also very evenly distributed. Robert T. Lincoln is nearly always spoken of as the possible candidate, and he is the second choice of a good many.

It is hardly probable that the national convention can agree on Blaine as a candidate for the united support of the republican party, nor do we believe that his chances for the nomination are even as good as they were in the last two conventions. Among the other candidates it looks to us that Arthur and Lincoln have the best fighting chance, with the odds in favor of the former. Mr. Arthur has made a good president—much better, in fact, than many anticipated—and while he has not antagonized the half-breed element of the party, has lost no strength with the stalwarts. Besides, New York will be even more important in the coming election than in the last one, and Arthur would probably be more apt to carry it next year than any other republican. And he is almost sure of the support of a majority of the southern delegates should he allow his name to go before the convention. In the event of too strong an opposition to Arthur, or his refusal to enter the lists, the most likely man for the different factions to agree upon is Lincoln, who has gained friends and made no enemies during his career as a member of the cabinet.

Among the democrats the answers give the relative strength of the candidates as below:

|                  |                |                     |
|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Tilden.....120   | Randall.....5  | Hewitt.....2        |
| McDonald.....72  | Flower.....4   | Hendricks.....1     |
| Bayard.....31    | Hoadly.....4   | Jewett.....1        |
| Hancock.....25   | Morrison.....2 | Palmer.....1        |
| Butler.....23    | Eaton.....2    | English.....1       |
| Thurman.....17   | Parker.....1   | No expression.....1 |
| Cleveland.....11 |                |                     |

It will be seen that nearly two-fifths of the points reporting make Tilden first choice, but it is not always the old

ticket, as Hendricks has fallen into disfavor in some quarters. It is, however, very unlikely that the old gentleman's health will allow him to enter into another hard campaign, and with Tilden out of the way it certainly looks like McDonald, of Indiana. He is a very strong second choice now. Bayard has apparently a hopeless following, judging from the talk of his admirers. Butler comes next, but the support of Massachusetts is about all there is of him. The sentiments of the democracy in regard to him exhibit every feeling, from the utmost contempt through respectful fear to alleged genuine admiration. It must be borne in mind, however, in setting up democratic candidates, that Hoadly with an "if" attached to him looms up ready to smash all present slates. If he is elected governor of Ohio the democratic party may imagine, as in Cleveland's case, that they have discovered their political Moses, and before the Hoadly boom dies out he may have secured the nomination. But just now he is but a conditional candidate.

From the present outlook the chances are that Arthur or Lincoln will be the republican standard-bearer, with McDonald leading the democratic host in the political battle.

## The Ilges Court Martial.

ST. PAUL, July 18.—In the Ilges court martial the defense requested that Major Maginnis be summoned as a witness. Ilges refused to state what he expected to prove by him. The request was granted, and the court adjourned to await the arrival of the witness.

## A Slight Decrease.

PORTLAND, Oregon, July 17.—*North-West News* special: although the wheat acreage in the state is greater the yield will not be more than 70 per cent. of last year. The decrease is due to heavy frosts in the Willamette valley and dry weather for the last two months. The hay crop will be large, but fruit poor. Reports from Montana, Idaho, and Dakota indicate fine crops. Cattle are in excellent condition.

## Sharp Swindlers.

Lest such a trick should be tried in this section, and to put the RIVER PRESS readers on their guard, we give the following new game the festive horse thief is "working" successfully in many parts of the country: He reads the newspapers closely, and when an estray horse is advertised as taken up he sends his pal to examine the animal, say it ain't his, and return with a minute description of the horse. Armed with this description he calls upon the guileless ranchman, describes the horse he has lost and recovers(?) the property. He then talks about the distance to his home, etc., and finally offers to sell it at about half its value. The unsuspecting ranchman often bites at this opportunity, and, after he has gloated over his bargain for a few days, the real owner comes along, proves his property, and leaves the victim out of pocket just the amount he paid the aesthetic horsethief for the animal.

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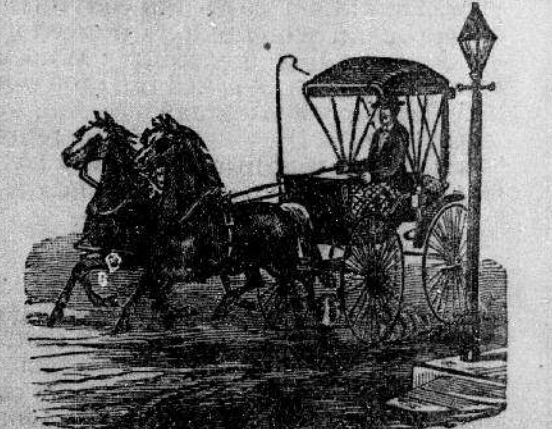
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